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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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VICTOR SLOAN

Examiner: Graffeo, Michel

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FOR: METHOD OF ADMINISTERING BISPHOSPHONATES

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of August 30, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 30, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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